



THE COPY OF  
a letter sent by  
one of the camp, of the  
Prince of Conde (touch-  
ing the fear of war  
as of late have been  
done) to a friend of his,  
the xxx. of De-  
cember last  
past.

Anno Domini. 1568.

*Laus Deo.*

¶ Omnia Vincit  
Veritas.



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A letter sent by  
one of the members of the  
Council of Concordance  
to the Bishop of Bath  
and the Bishop of Exeter  
in the year 1562.



Commissarius  
Venerabilis



## OF A LETTER.



**A**fter your departure (most honourable) out of Fraunce, we haue done nothing but running to and fro: taking & laying siege to Towns and Cities, and all what we haue taken in hand: hath prospered wel and gone forward, God haue the honour for it.

And yet we wil not cease, or leaue off: but go forward as place and time shall serue. And as we neuer doubted of your good wil, and earnest desire to se the confusion of Gods & our enemies: so now we see effectually shewed your redy help and present comfort. And as we haue had before in our enterprises, or attempts good succedings: so now we trust to doe the better, for your ayd which you haue lent vs. Not because we put any trust, or confidence cyther in our selues, or in any outward force: but that they are meanes, wherby our God I trust shall deliuer vs, and that shortly. God forbid that we should make fleshe or blood our arme, or to put any confidence in the

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multitude of horsemen. Nevertheless  
we are many, and our number is thir-  
tie thousand footmen, of the which ther  
are five and twentie thousand Harke-  
busers, or Gunners, and the rest wea-  
poned with Launces, and seuē or eight  
thousand horsemen: beside the multy-  
tude which is cōming from Montaban.

And as for our victories whiche God  
hath giuen vs: we haue taken by force  
of weapon these towne's following.

S. Iehan Dangel.	Niort.
Fontenay.	Partenay.
Angoulesme.	Pont.
Chaueni. near Poy.	Penni.
Chammi.	(tiers. Talmond.
Lodun.	Montagni.
Bisamni.	Blay.
Ambeteni.	Bōniuet.
Touillebourg.	Sainctes.

And other more as Coingnac, New castel  
Bressye all what lyes vpon the riuer of  
Garrōne vntil the riuer of Loyre on the  
side of Samne.

Concerning the battails or skirmish-  
ings whiche we haue had against our  
enemies, we haue ben together twise



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of thise, in suche a place, and field, as they might haue chosen for their aduantage to fight, whereas they were so layd on: that neuer since they durst meet vs any more, but alwayes auoyd and fleed our companie, smelling vs a far of as a fore dooth the pitched line.

Touching the meeting and a skirmish between vs five weeks ago: they lost seuen or eyght hundred men, & the spoile was about two hundred M. crownes worthe, but they saued them selues by the means of a riuer, some within Poytiers, some other at Lusignam.

My Lord the Prince of Conde caught the hat of an Italian Capitaine named Peter Strocij.

My Lord Admiral, the Coate of one Brisac. My Lord the Duke Montgomery the stirrops and spurres of Monsieur of Guise.

One of my Lord Admirals lackies hath for his part fire and thirtie peeces of siluer vessels whiche did belonge to the lord of Guise. To be short: ther was none of them al but that they were the better for it. After that my Lords the

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Princes being of minde to prouoke the  
to fight a battail: applyed them selues  
in their fight towards the Towne and  
Castle of Chagny, a forresse where as  
they trusted them selues for to be most  
sure, but these good soules had rather to  
saue them selues by flying then to de-  
fend their Townes & Castels, or to pre-  
sent the selues to a Combat: for they say  
it is dangerous, to be there as their co-  
mon terme was at that time throughte  
out all their camp, as since it hath been  
very often practised by them, louing ra-  
ther to flye and to forsake their Towns  
and citie: then to hazard their liues, or  
to put in iacobardie their bodies, tho-  
row the whiche they hope to be reuen-  
ged. So the said Prince of Conde being  
near Sainy, for to haue besieged it: our  
enemies approched with their Artillerie  
within a quarter of a league of Lo-  
dun, and required it to be rendred, wher-  
of the Prince being aduertised: made  
haste towards them in suche sorte that  
they were constrained to break by their  
siege and to go againe to their olde ac-  
customed remedy, whiche is to get the  
away



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away ouer the river. True it is that be-  
fore they came so far, there were slaine  
two hundred of their men, & the night  
following, seuen Enignes more were  
bndwn and destroyed.

Moreouer two dayes past the compa-  
nie of Monsieur du Noye, ouertook, and  
found at the subburbs of the aforesayd  
town Chagny: about thre or four thousand  
Zwitsers.

Also the Musketeers and Archers of the  
Garde of my Lord the Kings brother,  
which was him self within the Town.  
And beyond the water was an Alarme  
very dole.

This day there came newes by two  
Gentlemen whiche arriued coming  
fro the Prince of Orange, and the Duke  
of Bipont, whiche left the said Prince of  
Orange within seuen & twentie leagues  
of Paris, hauing with him ten or eleuen  
thousand Ritters, or Horsemen, and  
four thousand frenche men, and six-  
ty or seuenteen thousand footmen, whi-  
che take their journey straight toward  
Paris, of the whiche armie Monsieur de  
Laulis leadeth the first warde. And the

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said Duke of Bipont hath been coming  
toward the prince of Orange, ever since  
the tenth day of this Moneth, to ioyne  
him self with him.

Also newes came aswel in our camp,  
as also to our enemies, that Monsieur  
D'Amalle hath lost four thousand men,  
being constraind through the armie  
of the Prince of Orange (whiche came  
to ioyne him self to the Duke of Bipont)  
to retire suddenly with two thousand  
men, whiche were left him to go to Ri-  
ems. It is said for a truth that the Lord  
Guisse is gone in poste to finde out the  
King. Also it is said that the moste part  
of their camp goeth toward Paris,  
to meet the King against the strange  
Princes. I beleue we  
shall follow Cito.

Cito.

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